(d) What is the definition of a Foreign Brand Name?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per industrial policy for TV receivers, use of foreign brand names is not allowed in the manufacture and sale of TV receivers, both Black and White and Colour.

(b) This is because foreign brand names are likely to distort consumers preference and place the T.V. sets with local brand names at a disadvantage.

(c) As a general policy, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sale, although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported. A condition to this effect is accordingly incorporated in all approvals for foreign collaboration.

(d) The Trade and Merchandise Marks Act does not contain any definition of foreign brand names though the term is generally understood to be in relation to trade marks owned by a foreign national or a foreign company.

Claims of Bhopal Gas Victims

11. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a settlement of Bhopal Gas Victims' claims has been reached with the Union Carbide Corporation;

(b) if the aswer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the difficulties in reaching a settlement and what is the present stage of the case;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Union Carbide Corporation has recently made a tentative offer of 350 million dollars to the private plaintiffs lawyers; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) U.C.C. has so far failed to offer an amount which will fairly and fully compensate the victims. The decisions of the U.S. court on motion of forum non-conveniens moved by U.C.C., is expected shortly.

(c) While U. C. C. has announced that it will attempt to negotiate such a settlement, it has not arrived at such a settlement nor has it moved the court for approval in this regard.

(d) Government has opposed and will continue to oppose such settlement efforts For this purpose, all necessary legal actions will be taken to defeat such attempts.

Inviting fresh bids for HBJ Pipeline

12. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 27th March, 1986 fresh financial bids from all the earlier consortia for the Haira-Bijapur-Jagadishpur natural gas pipeline were invited by his Ministry for being submitted by 3rd April, 1986

(b) if so, the total number of bids received so far and the details of the parties; and

(c) what were the reasons for not giving adequate time to the parties to submit their bids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) On 27th March 1986, Gas Authority of India Ltd. had invited fresh price bids to be submitted by 3rd April 1986 from the all four consortia which had earlier been qualified.

(b) Four fresh price bids were received on 3rd April 1986, from the four consortia led by SPIE CAPAG of France, Condux of Mexico, Snamprogetti of Italy and Nova Corp of Canada;

(c) The time given to the consortia was adequate, as they were required to submit only revised prices, with no changes in the terms and conditions of the original tender.

New Model of Maruti by Suzuki

13. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Suzuki (Japan) has decided to introduce a new model of Maruti from May next within almost three years of the introduction of the present model;

(b) whether this will result in dependence on imported Japanese spare parts (75 per cent of the new model and all the imported parts of the present-model cars) for about another 10 years or so as reported in 'Nav Bharat Times', dated March 30, 1986;

(c) how much will Japan earn in this way in foreign exchange; and

(d) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The decision to introduce an updated model of Maruti-800 car was taken by Maruti Udyog Limited.

(b) Maruti Udyog Limted is expected to achieve 95 per cent indigenisation of the car by 1988-89 as planned.

(c) Maruti Udyog Limited has estimated that introduction of an updated model of car will result in an additional foreign exchange expenditure of about US $ 6-7 million on account of import of companies during this year.

(d) These are commercial matters normally to be decided by the Company.

Welfare fund for coal miners

14. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the welfare fund for coal miners is administered by the Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiary companies;

(b) if so, how much amount was spent in Maharashtra State as Welfare Fund during the last three years and how much fund was collected from the workmen working in Coal Mines in the State during the above period; and

(c) the items on which the Welfare fund was spent during the last three years in the same State?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Under the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund Act, 1947, a cess is levied @ 75 paise per tonne on coal and coke despatched from the coal mines. This cess is deposited into a Fund for financing welfare activities of colliery workers. The Fund is administered through the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Organisation; a body corporate under the control of the Central Government. In addition, the Coal India Ltd. makes